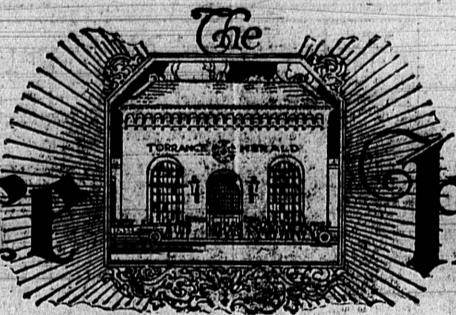


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## CITY WILL BE HOST TO HARBOR DISTRICT CHAMBER JANUARY 8

### Installation of Officers for Year 1931 to Be Featured at Public Banquet at Women's Club in Evening

Torrance will be host to the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce in which more than 50 organizations in this district are affiliated, Monday, January 8.

The chief event in the program will be the installation of the new officers for 1931 and possibly an address by Frederick J. Koster, noted figure in the development of this state.

A late afternoon meeting, beginning at 5 o'clock, will open the sessions of the Harbor Chamber here. This meeting will be held at the First Christian Church at the corner of Engracia and Arlington avenues.

Following this meeting, the banquet and general business session will be held at 6:30 o'clock at the Torrance Women's club across the street from the Christian church. At this meeting, to which the public is invited, the officers for the coming year will be installed.

Carl Hyde, as secretary of the organization, has been trying to secure Koster as the principal speaker for the evening's banquet. Koster is president of the California Barrel company, of San Francisco, and is also president of the State Chamber of Commerce, formerly known as the California Development Association.

W. Rufus Page, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, will be installed as first vice president of the Harbor association. He is the only new officer to take office as all the others were re-elected several weeks ago at Koster's.

The officers are: A. E. Hennig, Los Angeles, president; Carl Hyde, secretary; Frank L. Walton, Compton, treasurer; and vice presidents Page, Frank F. Merriam, Long Beach; Fred C. Finkle, Los Angeles; Ernest E. Maitland, Los Angeles; and Loren Howe, Hawthorne.

## "BOOKS" OF BOOTLEGGERS ARE STUDIED

### Accounts Kept by Dealer in Illicit Liquor May Reveal Source of Supply

#### GIVEN HEAVY SENTENCE

### Three Officers Find Man in Possession of Large Quantity of Booze

Police are studying the "books" kept by W. E. Mansell, 31, alleged bootlegger of some prominence, who was arrested by Sergeant Stroth and Officers Schumacher at the Reams apartments December 24 in an effort to locate his "supply."

Mansell was found in possession of a large quantity of assorted whiskey and gin, according to police. At his trial, December 26, he was found guilty and was fined \$500 or 500 days in the county jail. He has not paid the fine as yet, but has informed police he expects to do so within the next few days. Meanwhile he is in the county jail.

A system of numbers was used by Mansell in his illicit business, possibly but his "books," which consisted of two small note books, contained the names of his local customers, their addresses and his prices for liquor, together with a detailed account of each day's business.

## KSE REMAINS AT WALTERIA

### No Move is Contemplated, Official Reports

Radio station KSE at Walteria will not be moved to Wilmington, S. A. Blank, of the Radiomarine Corporation, a subsidiary of the Radio Corporation of America, told the Herald yesterday. It had been reported that the Walteria station, which was recently equipped with the most modern short wave broadcast equipment, would be moved to Wilmington after the first of the year as part of a general transfer of the Los Angeles office of the Corporation to that city.

This is not the case, Blank said, as merely the Los Angeles office will be moved to where most of the Radiomarine's business is now transacted. KSE will remain in Walteria, where it has been operating for approximately two and one-half years. The station has recently been reported very strong in Long Beach, South Africa, according to Blank. KSE is used exclusively for communication with ships at sea.

## Evening Hi Has New Equipment

### Commercial Department is Open to All Residents

The commercial department of the Torrance Evening High school is affording an opportunity for adults to become proficient in bookkeeping, higher accountancy, shorthand, typewriting and machine calculation. A new piece of equipment, recently added to the office appliances is a bookkeeping machine.

These machines are used in the banking institutions and in many modern business offices. In addition to the bookkeeping machine there are three comptometers, one Monroe and two adding machines. An opportunity is given to learn to operate these important office machines.

The commercial courses are offered on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7 to 9 p. m. There is no charge for tuition. Any person who wishes to prepare himself for a position in an office or a bank is now afforded the opportunity to do so.

## LETTER PROVES MAIL MAXIM

### Christmas Missive From Mother of Raymond Young Arrives Here Following Air Mail Plane Crash December 22

"The mail must go through" is a rule of the Postoffice department, and Raymond C. Young, of the International Derrick and Equipment Company, has proof of that maxim.

Young had received an airmail letter, badly scorched and stained but still legible, which had been in the airplane wreck near Alhambra on December 22. The letter had been mailed at Columbus, Ohio, December 20 at 11 a. m. by his mother, Mrs. L. M. Young. It arrived here with the morning delivery December 27.

Pilot Saves Mail

Because the envelope was burned and stained, the letter and its cover were placed in a franked postoffice envelope which bore the inscription, "Damaged by airplane wreck December 22." This statement was also imprinted on the original envelope.

Young's letter was among the airmail cargo that was saved by the pilot of the plane after it had crashed near the Western Air Express airport at Alhambra. Smoke from the smudge pots in the orchards surrounding the airport was given by the pilot as the reason for his forced and disastrous landing. The plane was entirely destroyed but the mail, although damaged, was saved from the flames.

The letter was scrobbled all the way around its edges and the end where the stamp had been affixed was entirely gone, Young said.

### BILL THE BARBER SAYS

One problem confronting country clubs is how to keep airplanes off the golf courses. A stuffed plane dangling from a tall pole might help.

## Chief Warns New Air-Rifle Owners

"Be careful of those new 'bee-bee' guns you got for Christmas," is Police Chief G. M. Calder's warning to all boys of the city who received such "armament" among their presents December 25.

"We don't want to take any of those fine guns away from the boys, but if they get too reckless with their shooting, that's just what we'll have to do," the chief said. A shooting range in the backyard, away from anything breakable and out of range of passersby is the best place to try out the air-rifles," he declared.

## No Accidents Christmas Day

### No Arrests Made as Police Pass Quiet Holiday

Christmas Day was free from automobile accidents in Torrance, according to a survey of police reports. Police Chief Calder declared that the great holiday passed without an arrest or investigation for any kind of trouble.

On the evening of December 22, Victor Sublett, of 1541 21st street, reported that his car had been damaged by a machine driven by the Howard Century, of 2245 West Carson street, when Century failed to observe the boulevard stop at the intersection of Arlington and Sartori avenues.

## REGISTRATION FOR JOBLESS STARTS SOON

### Schools in the County Will Assist in Securing Vital Data

Registration of the unemployed in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles county will begin with the opening of the schools in the various districts around the first of the year, according to Harvey C. Fremming, employment stabilization director, following a conference yesterday with Supervisor Frank L. Shaw, chairman of the county wide citizens unemployment committee.

Director Fremming held a meeting yesterday with representatives of the sheriff's office, county superintendent of schools and fire wardens relative to the establishment of places where the unemployed registration will be taken. Part of the registration will be at the schools, part in the county fire stations and at branch sheriff offices.

The registration will be made in advance of a survey of work to be done in the county outside of incorporated cities. Efforts will then be made to allocate such work to residents who need it and who reside in the immediate vicinity of the work available. Director Fremming declared.

## POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS IN '30 STEADY

### Only Slight Decline Seen in Year's Business, Gourdier Says

With a decline of less than \$1600, the Torrance postoffice will end the year 1930 only slightly affected by the nation-wide business depression, according to a report made public late yesterday by Postmaster Alfred Gourdier.

"Our office has come through with flying colors this year in spite of these so-called 'hard times,'" he said as he reviewed the figures which showed the year's operations of the postoffice in detail.

December receipts totalling \$4253.08 brought the 1930 business of Uncle Sam in Torrance to \$29,641.39. Last year the local postoffice did a \$31,182.28 business.

Speaking of the holiday mail rush, Postmaster Gourdier pointed out that on December 26, employees here cancelled 16,159 letters with the cancelling machine and more than 2500 by hand. The Yuletide business compared very favorably with the 1929 Christmas record, he said.

## Kiwanis To Install Officers at Banquet

### Members of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, Their Ladies and Guests Will Meet at Banquet

Members of the Torrance Kiwanis club, their ladies and guests will meet at a banquet, president-elect of the service organization, Friday evening, January 2, at the club's installation banquet and dance will be held at Earl's Cafe.

A special committee has been working on the program of the evening and has made President C. T. Rippey, the retiring leader, chairman of the banquet. There will be no noon day meeting preceding the installation party.

## Gourdier Honored By Spanish War Group

Alfred Gourdier, postmaster here, was elected adjutant of the United Spanish War Veterans of Los Angeles County Council at the meeting held in Patriotic Hall, Huntington Park, December 26. Gourdier is a member of the Leonard Wood Camp No. 105 of Redondo Beach.

Other officers chosen for the council of veterans of '98 were A. H. Hollingsworth, Long Beach, commander; C. E. Holopster, Alhambra, vice commander; and D. S. Devine, Redondo Beach, treasurer.

## 600 YOUNGSTERS RECEIVE GIFTS FROM TOY HOSPITAL AT YULE

### Central Evangelical Brotherhood to Maintain Unique "Institution" Again Next Year

More than 600 youngsters, from one year to 16 years old, in approximately 125 homes, received hundreds of toys, equipment and some cases restored, repaired and distributed by the "nurses and doctors" at the Toy Hospital maintained by the men of the Central Evangelical church brotherhood.

A complete report on the activities of the brotherhood's repair shop was given the Herald yesterday by W. E. Bowen, treasurer of the organization which brought untold joy to the hearts of many Torrance youngsters who would otherwise have gone without toys Christmas day.

This was the first Toy Hospital to be instituted in Torrance and its success was so great that the Central Evangelical Brotherhood, comprising about 30 men, has decided to make it an annual feature. Next year the hospital will open earlier and will receive damaged or broken toys from residents through the year. These will be stored and early in November, the hospital will again begin to function so that a greater number of children may receive gifts.

Each toy was properly wrapped and labeled with the name of the youngster for whom it was intended, Bowen said. This was done through the courtesy of the Torrance Relief Society which kindly furnished the names and the addresses of the children.

## City Gets Real Yuletide Gift

Even the city of Torrance received a Christmas present, Santa Claus left it right on the city's doorstep and although it wasn't all done up in tissue paper, ribbons and stickers, it was a genuine gift to the entire city.

It was a fine new entrance to the community via Western avenue. The old, dangerous grade and curve have been entirely eliminated by the county and a gradual slope leads to the new grade crossing over the Pacific Electric tracks.

The work on the improved roadway and construction of the crossing was completed by the county without one cent cost to Torrance. That makes it a real gift to the city, doesn't it?

## "Torrance Blues" is New Basketball Team Here

### Mexicans at Pueblo Have Organized Fast Quintet

The Torrance Blues, a Mexican basketball team formed by residents of the Pueblo district, and coached by Charles McEachern, of 2147 Sonoma avenue, are making a name for themselves in casaba circles. Sunday afternoon they played a strong team of Mexican basketballers from Wilmington and were defeated, 21-18. The same team from the harbor city repeated the Blues by a score of 33-6 two weeks ago.

McEachern, who is an old Ohio State football and basketball player, has scheduled a game for his boys with the same Wilmington quintet for New Year's afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock at the Pueblo. He would like to see a crowd of local fans on the side lines, but warns them that they better bring their own seating arrangements as no provisions for the comfort of spectators have been made at the Pueblo court.

Next Saturday, January 3, a night game, beginning at 7 p. m., will be played at the Pueblo grounds between the two fives.

The Blues hope to get a game with the Torrance High school quintet in the near future and McEachern and Coach Earl Fiddler are trying to arrive at a date for the encounter.

## Erratic Driving Plus Liquor Is Arrests' Cause

### Two Men Jailed; One Gets Heavy Penalty, Other Has Trial Soon

"Only a drunk could have gotten his car in such a place," was the report made by arresting officers who brought in E. A. Wems, 31, of Fresno, early in the morning of December 28 from Carson street, where his car was wedged between an iron post and a building.

Wems was charged with drunkenness and reckless driving. He was released on \$50 bail to appear in court January 2.

C. J. Stover, 28, of Long Beach, was charged with the same offense when he was arrested December 27 at Carson street and Annapolis avenue after he had crashed into a parked automobile. Stover pleaded guilty to the charge and requested two days' time before sentence was passed. Today, Police Judge C. T. Rippey fined him \$150 or 150 days in the county jail on the drunk charge, of which \$100 and 100 days was suspended; he fined him \$250 or 250 days on the reckless driving count, of which \$150 and 150 days were suspended. Both suspensions were on condition that Stover pay for the damage done to the parked machine. This he agreed to do. The balance of the fines, totaling \$150, will be paid the next few days, the prisoner stated, according to police.

## John Dennis to Take Justice Job Monday

Having been properly sworn in and having posted his bond of \$1000 with the county clerk, Mayor John Dennis will take office as Justice of Peace of Lomita township at his new court located next to Wilson's Dry Goods store in Lomita at 12 noon next Monday.

There will be little ceremony as the retiring Justice, Judge S. D. Patterson turns the office and its responsibilities over to the Torrance Mayor. It is not known as yet whether or not any cases will be on the calendar of the court for the new magistrate to pass on.

## Serves Friends With Liquor; is Jailed

Discovered behind a woodshed serving liquor to a group of friends, Jesus Pimentel, 21, of the Pueblo district, was arrested and charged with possession of liquor early yesterday morning. He was fined \$125 or 125 days in the county jail, of which \$100 and 100 days was suspended. He paid \$10 of the remainder and agreed to pay the balance by January 7.

## Two Prisoners Get Turkey Feed

Christmas day in the city jail—not a very cheerful place to spend that great holiday—was, nevertheless, an event for the two prisoners who were harbored there.

Promptly at noon they were taken to a local cafe and given a real Christmas dinner, with all the turkey and fixings they could eat.

That was the only concession granted the pair who were temporarily deprived of their liberty on the holiday.

## Present Left on Doorstep of Entire Community

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## AERIAL GIFT ENJOYED BY LOCAL BOY

### Unique Christmas Present Provides Thrills For Potential Flier

One Torrance boy enjoyed his best Christmas present in the sky. High over the city of Torrance, Harold Stevenson, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stevenson, of 1515 Cravens avenue, made the most of his outstanding Yule "present."

It was his first "solo" flight in an airplane. Harold, who aspires to be a licensed pilot, "just like his dad," zoomed, banked and sped through miles of space enjoying every minute of his unique gift.

His father, who is an engineer on the Torrance Fire department, has been a qualified airman for the past three years and is making a keen delight in his son's aerial experiences. Harold Stevenson expects to take his final tests before an inspector from the Department of Commerce some time in the latter part of next month.

## 17 New Courses Added to 252 in U. S. C. College

### Are Open to All Who Can Attend Late Afternoons or in Evenings

With the opening of the winter quarter of University College, the downtown division of the University of Southern California in the Transportation building, 17 new courses will be included in the total of 252 late afternoon and evening courses.

From stone laboratory technique to be headed by Robert M. Shipley on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9:20. The course includes practice in the use of refractometer, dichroscope, specific gravity balance and specific gravity liquids, as well as methods of refraction, dispersion and fluorescence.

Additional new courses include literary laboratory, Russian language, introduction to genealogy, genealogical technique, aircraft communication, oil land valuation practice, current conflicts in morals, dietetics, motion picture technique, swimming, quantum mechanics, introduction to the theory of relativity, optical shop practice and dispensing, interpretation of optometric tests and measurements, and dynamic ocular tests. Registration is now open on the 13th floor of the Transportation building, Seventh and Los Angeles streets, and information may be secured by calling TRinity 1701.

## 3-TO-2 VOTE BY SUPERVISORS REJECTS ROYAL PALMS PARK

### Pleas of Harbor District Leaders are Not Regarded as Wright's No Vote Breaks Deadlock

Despite the earnest and logical pleas of all civic leaders in the Harbor district, the Royal Palms county park project, which would have been of great value to the thousands of residents in this section of the county, was voted down by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, 3 to 2, late yesterday.

Supervisor John B. Quinn's motion to lease the Royal Palms acreage at White's Point, near Torrance, for 40 years was supported by the vote of Supervisor Frank Shaw. Supervisors A. Dan McArthur and Hugh A. Thatcher cast negative ballots and Chairman Henry W. Wright broke the deadlock by also voting against the proposition.

It was proposed to have the county lease the property at \$80,000 a year for the first eight years and \$28,000 a year for the remaining 32 years.

Leaders of Harbor district civic organizations, led by L. E. Mott, of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, presented the advantages of having a county recreational center such as the Royal Palms in this section of the county. Their statements were disregarded by the majority of the Supervisors who claimed the expenditure was too much at the present time.

## WATER BOND CONTROVERSY NEARS COURT

### Council to Meet Tonight on Ordinance to Issue Bonds

An adjourned meeting of the city council will be held tonight at the city hall to adopt the ordinance ordering the issuance of the \$400,000 worth of bonds for the construction of a publicly-owned water system.

Adoption of this ordinance, with its order to the city treasurer, Harry H. Dolley, to issue the bonds, will be the overtone to court proceedings which will, it is expected, decide that the entire bond measures have been legal and that the bonds are valid.

Extensive preparations have been made by the city's council to hasten the court issues with a minimum delay in order that work can be started on the city-owned water plant in March.

## Less Depression In County Than Any Place East

### Unity of Action Between Cities Said Reason for Advantage

Californians returning from the east are a unit in declaring that there is less business depression in Los Angeles County than in any locality east of the Rockies. There are good reasons for this. One of the outstanding reasons, as brought out by A. G. Arnoll, secretary-manager of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, in a statement just issued, is the unity of action between the various cities of the county.

"Los Angeles County is one great unit," said Arnoll. "It is well known that no section of the country has made the rapid progress that has been made by this county. Back of it all lies unity of action. Every town and city in the county has cooperated with every other community practically 100 per cent."

"The most recent instance of this complete harmony of action is noted in the readiness with which communities outside the city limits of Los Angeles, and those within the city have responded to the program of denaturing. While it is recognized that in some instances rather limited acreage holdings are producing a living under a program of specialized and sufficiently well financed production, the objective of this contest is to emphasize the social advantages of the small farm. The orchard, the vegetable garden and the poultry yard are all component parts of such a home and therefore all contribute to personal satisfaction as well as mere dollar and cent savings of profit in this mode of living.

Briefly, then, the contest sponsors are interested in the small farm home developed as a home and not as a commercial venture. They want the owner's slant on the influence of this kind of living on family life.

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## SMALL FARM HOME CONTEST

### Entry Now Open to All Communities and Suburban Districts; Cash Awards to Be Made

The small farm home, a new mode of living exclusive to Southern California, is being emphasized again this year through a contest sponsored by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in connection with its program of commercial and industrial development.

Believing that a half acre or one acre place in the many small communities and suburban districts of Los Angeles and Orange counties represents the ideal home for workers and retired folk, this organization is offering substantial cash awards for the best designed and maintained small farm in the two counties. The first contest, held during the past season, was responsible for the development and dissemination of valuable information on the small farm.

The second contest will formally open February 1, but those who wish to compete must file their intention of entry before that date, according to Rosa H. Gast, contest manager. The rules of the Second Annual Small Farm Home Contest follow:

Contest Rules Given

In this contest, a small farm home is defined as a place of not less than a half acre and not more than two acres, developed as a home and not as a sustaining unit. While it is recognized that in some instances rather limited acreage holdings are producing a living under a program of specialized and sufficiently well financed production, the objective of this contest is to emphasize the social advantages of the small farm. The orchard, the vegetable garden and the poultry yard are all component parts of such a home and therefore all contribute to personal satisfaction as well as mere dollar and cent savings of profit in this mode of living.

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